

Ex-Wife 1931

Chapter 1931

Leia was firm in her opinion. She had not suffered because of his fickle nature, and it taught her the bitterness of romance. She was a lot more cautious now.

"I don't know what I can say to change your mind." A miserable sigh escaped Xavier. Everyone felt that he was cunning, shrewd, and untrustworthy. Even if he cut out his heart for her, she would not believe him. "Yeah, I'm Stefan's spy, but don't you think it's a pity that Stefan and Renee are separated despite their feelings for each other?"

"No, I don't!" Leia said coldly, "I just regret not separating them earlier. If I knew that Stefan was that irresponsible, I would have opposed Ren getting back together with him. But I've made up my mind-I don't want Ren to get entangled with that guy again. That's the best decision for both of them!" Previously, she supported them being together, but seeing Stefan hurt Renee so often ruined her impression of him. Right now, she just wanted Renee to stay away from him.

"I guess women really are heartless!" At the sight of Leia's aloof expression, Xavier thought about their romance. He figured it would be difficult for the both of them to reconcile.

"No, you're wrong. It's just that men are lousy, so we women are forced to protect ourselves by being heartless!" Leia bit her lip, sounding helpless and sad. Women always had deeper feelings when it came to love, and they would usually be the ones to forgive and reconcile first.

"Okay, let's not talk about this. I don't think we'll ever reach a rational conclusion in this debate because we can only consider the problem from our points of view," Xavier said wearily.

"So, you feel like you were wronged? You think it's right for Stefan to abandon his family and for you to be capricious, huh?" Leia refused to admit defeat and argued, "Do you know what I hate the most about men? They refuse to admit when they've done something wrong, then say that women are being unreasonable."

'Are you trying to argue with me?" Xavier shoved his hands in his pockets, his expression growing cold. It felt like he always argued with Leia because of Stefan and Renee, so he hoped that Stefan and Renee could get back together, so he and Leia might be able to as well.

"I'm not interested in fighting with you. I'm going back to Ren!" Leia stuffed Xavier's phone in his hand and turned to leave.

At that moment, a message popped up on Xavier's phone, and he glanced at Renee. "Aren't you curious about Stefan's reply?"

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Leia paused, then turned around and held her hand out to Xavier. "Let me have a look." Leia loved gossip, and she'd always been invested in Stefan and Renee's romance. Stefan had risked his life to search for herbs to save Renee, then cheated on her. It didn't make sense. Leia had always felt that Stefan had been facing some issues, so she wanted to know what was on his mind.

However, for some reason, Xavier became reluctant. He scrolled through his phone with one hand and leaned against the wall absent-mindedly. "Facebook is private. I can't show it to you just because you want me to."

Leia clenched her fists and suppressed the urge to kick him, then asked calmly, "Why did you ask then? Are you trying to trap me?"

Xavier looked up, his smile flirty. "I'm trying to see if anyone will be tempted."

'Forget it, you don't need to show me.' Annoyed, Leia turned around and pretended to leave, trying to get a reaction from Xavier.

However, Xavier just lowered his head and read the text, clicking his tongue from time to time. "I didn't expect Stefan to have such thoughts. Oh, men are so unpredictable sometimes."

Leia slowed down, her curiosity overwhelming. Unable to bear it, she threw herself at Xavier, trying to grab his phone. "Let me see!"

Xavier didn't expect such a reaction from her, and raised his arm high, keeping the phone away from her. "Hey, you're acting uncivilized. How can you try to take away my phone?"

*So, what? You want me to come snatch it anyway, so stop pretending. Give it to me!" Leia yelled angrily, standing on tiptoes to snatch Xavier's phone. However, Xavier was tall with long limbs, and he was practically touching the ceiling with his outstretched hand. Leia couldn't touch the phone no matter how much she jumped. "Give it to me now!" Leia's cheeks were flushed and her forehead was sweaty from jumping.

'Stop jumping. You've almost reached your exercise quota for this month.' Xavier pursed his lips, stifling his laughter. He used his other hand to touch Leia's head dotingly. "Even a Kinder Joy needs to rest!"

"How dare you say I'm short?" Leia snarled, feeling humiliated. She had always seen herself as an attractive and sexy woman. 'I'll kill you, Xavier!' She stopped trying to take Xavier's phone, and tried to tickle his armpits instead.

Xavier was not a ticklish person, so naturally, he didn't react. On the contrary, he rather enjoyed it. He smirked at her and said teasingly, 'Hey, you can just hug me if you want to, you don't need to pretend.' In his defense, it did look like Leia was trying to hug him.

'I'm not trying to hug you. Dream on!' Leia scoffed, moving away so he didn't misunderstand. The narcissistic man would assume that she was still in love with him.

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Undeniably, it was tough to outsmart Xavier. Leia was exhausted, but Xavier was still calm and collected. He didn't even let her touch the edge of his phone. It was like tricking a pet dog.

Leia bent over and put both hands on her thighs, gulping in air. Then, she waved and said, "Oh, I can't do this. I need to rest!"

"How are you tired so fast? You've got to train well since... I've always been a strong man." Xavier dangled his phone in front of Leia teasingly.

Leia raised her head and glared at Xavier fiercely. "Do you enjoy tormenting me? Don't you think you're going overboard?"

"Not at all!" Xavier calmly added, "You chose this. I just asked you to get fitter since you couldn't defeat me, but you chose to insult me. Who's the one going overboard here?"

Leia was speechless in anger. She felt like a pet for his amusement.

"Maybe I'll let you have my phone if you use another method," Xavier purred as he leaned down, waving his phone in Leia's face annoyingly.

Leia flexed her fingers and gritted her teeth. "What kind of method?"

"Call me Darling!" Xavier grinned wickedly.

Leia's eyes widened in rage, and she grabbed Xavier's neck. "I'm sorry, I can't call you Darling... but you can call me Dad!"

Leia's grip was strong, and Xavier was leaning down, so he lost his balance and tumbled to the floor with Leia. His phone slid across the floor as their limbs tangled.

"Call me Dad, you brat!" Leia snarled, her desire to win outweighing her desire to check his phone.

"Alright, I get it, you're strong! Let go of me!" Xavier gasped. He tried to stand up but Leia was wrapping her arms around his neck and pressing on his legs. It was an intimate position, and he couldn't move at all.

"Oh, you're begging for mercy now? Weren't you making fun of me earlier? You even wanted me to call you Darling. Don't you have many darlings already? Can you really handle all of them?" Leia sneered.

"Umm... Am I disturbing something?" Renee cleared her throat awkwardly. "Do you guys need a room? There are empty rooms upstairs. Rolling around on the floor like this is... a bit too much."

Chapter 1934

Renee was having fun teasing them. Leia had always been focused on Renee's love affairs, so Renee was the same with Leia. Leia was close to Santiago, and hadn't spoken to Xavier in a long time. Besides, they only ever argued like friends when they met. However, Renee knew Leia hadn't forgotten about Xavier, and only pretended to be indifferent around him. After Renee saw them together on the floor, she knew for certain that they both still had feelings for each other.

Leia jumped away from Xavier instantly, smoothing her hair and adjusting her clothes as if she had been caught doing something indecent. She wished the ground would just open up and swallow her. "It's not what you think, Ren! I just wanted to beat him up because he was being annoying, that's all," Leia explained, blushing.

"I understand." Renee nodded and patted Leia's shoulders reassuringly. "We all know beating is a sign of affection. Just don't love him too much..."

"That's not it! I just wanted to grab- Leia blurted out, but quickly stopped herself. Renee might get upset if she heard Xavier was spying for Stefan or if she read Stefan's reply.

"What were you trying to grab?" Renee asked curiously. She had no idea that she was one step away from Xavier's phone.

"No, I wasn't..." Leia touched her nose guiltily and looked around, not daring to look at Renee. "Just go and have fun with others. I haven't beat Xavier up yet. We'll come back once we're done."

"Something's not right." Renee frowned and pointed at Leia. "You're keeping something from me, aren't you?"

"No way! We're besties, so we share everything. Why would I hide something from you?"

"You are." Renee knew Leia well. When Leia lied, she would touch her nose and not meet Renee's eyes. Since Leia looked so guilty, she must be hiding something big from Renee.

"Let me see... What were you trying to grab?" Renee racked her brain for a while, then she grinned. "Oh, I know. I'm sure you want to grab the opportunity to have Xavier's child, right?"

Leia and Xavier stared at Renee, too stunned to speak.

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"That must be it," Renee said in satisfaction. "You both can't let go of each other, and no one wants to give in. One is close to Santiago and the other is entangled with Shirley, but you both want something more from this. Then, something unexpected happened... You went to the hospital for a check-up, and found out that you're pregnant with Xavier's child. You lied to Xavier and told him that the child is Santiago's to anger him, and told him you're keeping the child. Xavier became furious when he heard that, and that was why you both got into a fight..."

Leia and Xavier sat there in stunned silence.

"No wonder you've been going to the hospital without telling me-you're pregnant. That's great!" Renee said excitedly, proud of herself for figuring it out.

Leia complained helplessly, 'Sis, that sounds more like you and Stefan. Stop reading so many romance novels. Nobody gets pregnant and runs away anymore, and anyway, that isn't my style."

*Pfft! Haha!" Unable to hold back any longer, Xavier burst out laughing. "How could you come up with such a story? Well, you're certainly a perfect match for that arrogant Stefan. You guys should get back together, I've missed watching the melodrama.

"I'm wrong?" Renee sighed in disappointment. "Your relationship is too dull. You should deepen your relationship through torture and misery... by having a baby. I promise that your relationship will improve by leaps and bounds." She never felt that there was something wrong with their relationship-it just was too smooth. However, they always ended up fighting because of a small miscommunication, then their feelings would start to fade. Their relationship wasn't strong enough right now.

"You have two kids with Stefan, but did your relationship get better?" Leia bit out in frustration.

"I..." Renee couldn't argue with that. Her love life was a mess, so she had no right to advise others. "I was just joking. I'm sorry!" She felt awkward and insecure. She had tried her best to save her relationship, but couldn't do anything in the end.

"I'm sorry, Ren. I didn't mean that," Leia said regretfully, seeing Renee's awkwardness. She felt like slapping herself. "I just didn't want you to get the wrong idea about Xavier and my relationship because I don't want to get entangled with him. You're right-a normal relationship would get better

with kids, but it isn't our fault that we didn't meet normal men.... It's their fault!' Leia smoothly shifted the blame to Xavier.

Xavier put both hands in his pockets and scoffed, "You don't have to comfort her-she and Stefan are both idiots when it comes to romance. They're worse than kindergarten kids!"

"Xavier!" Leia turned around and glared at Xavier in disbelief. "Are you out of your mind? How could you say that about Ren?"

Xavier remained silent as he walked forward, then bent down and picked up his phone from the floor. He handed it to Renee. "Do you want to see it?"

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Renee looked at Xavier's phone, puzzled. "What am I supposed to be looking at?"

"Well..."

Xavier was about to speak, but Leia grabbed his phone before he could explain. "It's just his new girlfriend. Ignore him!"

Leia didn't know what Stefan's response was, but Renee was probably better off not reading it. She easily unlocked his phone since his password hadn't changed since they dated. She opened his Facebook messages, and clicked on Stefan's profile picture. To her surprise, there was no reply from Stefan-only Xavier's message was there. After leaving Stefan's chat, she saw a message from Shirley which Xavier hadn't read yet. Leia bit her lip nervously, and at last, her curiosity got the better of her as she clicked on Xavier's chat with Shirley. The chat was filled with Shirley's messages, with only a few perfunctory replies from Xavier. Leia read Shirley's newest message: [Are you free? I'm drunk at Rosy Bar. Can you come pick me up?] Leia felt uneasy wondering what Xavier would reply.

"Hey! Why are you looking at my phone?" Xavier stared at his phone and said meaningfully, "That's something only a girlfriend can do. Don't you know that?"

"Who's looking at your phone? I... I just accidentally saw it. You can have it back!" Leia shoved Xavier's phone into his hand, then grabbed Renee's hand and said, "Let's go, Ren. Everyone is waiting for us!"

"Are you sure you two don't want to talk it out?" Renee looked at Leia, then glanced at Xavier. They were both stubborn and arrogant, seemingly waiting for the other to give in first.

"There's nothing to talk about. He's got endless women waiting to chat with him... We won't get our turns!" Leia scoffed, unable to keep the jealousy out of her voice. Xavier was infamous as a ladies' man, and Shirley was the one who pestered him the most. Even if Shirley was out of the picture, there would still be other women texting him. Leia couldn't handle them all, and had no right to do so either.

"Wait!" Xavier watched Leia's stiff figure, and pursed his lips as he handed his phone to her. "If you don't like it, you can delete all the women in my contacts."

Leia widened her eyes in disbelief as she looked at Xavier. "H-... Why should I do that? I-*

"I said that's the right of a girlfriend," Xavier said confidently, lifting his chin. "What do you think? Do you want to delete them? Say something, girlfriend."

Leia blushed and glanced at the phone, not knowing if she should take it.

"Yes, just delete it!" Renee snatched the phone for Leia's sake and placed it on Leia's hand. She leaned close to Leia and whispered teasingly, "I think he's got a lot of women in his contacts. I think you both will take all night to get it done."

"Ren, he's just being childish. Why are you teasing me like this?" Leia sighed awkwardly.

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"Okay, I'll stop joking about you. It's rare for him to give in. Just go with it..." Renee hugged Leia and whispered, "Trust me when a player wants to get rid of all his other women for you, it means that he's sincere. Just give him a chance!" Then, Renee said to Xavier, "And you should be loyal to her. Stop being a ladies' man. Don't you know being in a relationship means being exclusive?"

"I know." Xavier nodded. "I'll be careful from now on." After all, he didn't want him and Leia to go through as much trouble as Stefan and Renee. He wanted a calm and smooth life.

"Okay, you both talk. I'll go." Renee didn't want to be a third wheel, so she left.

The atmosphere grew awkward after Renee left. Leia smoothed her hair and said casually, "I know you were just lying so Ren wouldn't notice Stefan didn't text you back. I won't take it seriously." Leia pretended to be indifferent, but she actually cared.

"I'm not as considerate as you think," Xavier said in amusement. "I meant what I said-I'll give you the right to control my social circle... You can do whatever you want with my contacts."

"No, I don't want to." Leia's expression was solemn as she returned the phone to Xavier. It was as if she had rejected his suggestion of getting back together. Xavier's expression was casual, but disappointment filled him.

"But I'm curious.... What will you tell her?" Leia asked finally.

Xavier's eyes lit up again. "Are you talking about Shirley's text?"

"Hmph!" Leia crossed her arms and nodded arrogantly.

"Okay, I'll text her back now." Flattered, Xavier quickly clicked on his chat with Shirley, and typed out a message. [I'll only pick up my girlfriend. Please mind your conduct.]

Leia glanced at Xavier's reply, trying to suppress her smile. "You texted her back, not me. If your first love gets mad, don't blame me. You know that I've always been generous-I won't stop you from chatting or meeting others!

"Yeah, you're the most generous person. You're prone to jealousy, but you're very generous too," Xavier rubbed Leia's hair and said dotingly. They had been fighting for so long, and this was considered a temporary ceasefire. They didn't think about the future, and just enjoyed the moment while they could.

"But Stefan didn't text you back? Did he forget about Ren? Doesn't he care if someone snatches her away?" Leia found it a pity. Both Stefan and Renee loved each other so much, so why had things ended up like this?

"Don't worry. He can't forget about Renee." A sigh escaped Xavier. "Let's not meddle in others' business. We just need to take care of ourselves."

Chapter 1938

When Renee went back at the party, she drank wine and chatted with the others. She looked happy, as if she was no longer traumatized by her failed marriage. At night, the guests eventually left, and Margaret helped put the children to sleep. Renee exhaled deeply, exhausted.

"Do you want to get a drink? Just the two of us?" Justin held up a bottle of wine and grinned. "I stole this plum wine from my house's old wine cellar. It's my grandpa's favorite, and this is the last bottle. I didn't want to drink it during the party just now."

Renee was sitting on the stairs in front of the living room, looking up at the starry sky. When she heard Justin, she just said calmly, "Sure, I didn't have much to drink earlier." Renee had to pretend to be happy and cheerful in front of everyone during the party, but now that everyone had left, she could go back to being depressed.

"Come on then! Let's go to the back garden." Justin's eyes gleamed with delight, and he excitedly invited her to the back garden which was quieter.

"Okay!" Renee nodded and said, "Help pull me up."

Immediately, Justin walked over and held Renee's hand to help her stand. They walked side by side to the back garden, looking like an old married couple.

"They're a perfect match," Margaret smiled and said to Quinton, who was also watching them thoughtfully. "Yeah, I've always thought that Justin is the perfect match for my sister. They have the same temperament, hobbies, and family background. If my sister had dated him from the start, she wouldn't have faced so many challenges, Quinton remarked with a melancholic sigh. He had heard that the Baldwin family loved Renee very much, and Austin had even given her a mercenary legion. The mercenary legions of the Baldwin family were famous all over the world, with each member at the level of a professional assassin.

It was evident that the Baldwin family approved of Renee, which was why they were willing to give her their most precious things. However, instead of using that legion for violence, she dismissed it and made the members work at Azure Group. The tough men who used to work with guns and weapons started working in offices, laboratories, and factories. Renee had declared that fighting and killing were boring, and that one could only live well by being down-to-earth. This incident had enraged Austin, who had wanted to scold Renee, but Justin had managed to calm him down by promising him that he would bring Renee home as his wife before going to Beach City.

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Justin immediately met Quinton to make that happen, and the two soon became close friends. Eventually, Quinton hoped to see Justin become his brother-in-law.

"I don't think so!" Margaret frowned solemnly. "Yes, Mr. Baldwin is a good guy, but his family isn't, especially Old Master Baldwin. He's very autocratic and eccentric. If Ms. Ren gets with Mr. Baldiwn, she'll have to live with Old Master Baldwin, which is very dangerous. Ms. Ren wouldn't know when he'll lose his temper."

"You're overthinking." Quinton admired Austin, and protested, "Old Master Baldwin was a soldier who killed many enemies. He's a righteous and brave man. Why would he mess with his daughter-

in-law? If my sister marries Justin, I'm sure Old Master Baldwin will dote on her. He'll cherish her and adore her."

"If you think that, you don't know their generation well!" After all, Margaret was older, and she knew the grudges and history of the three families well. "When it comes to that, it's Old Mr. Hunt who is the nicest to Ms. Ren. The Baldwins and the Hunts were inferior to the Everheart family back then, and they fell out with each other because of different perceptions. The Baldwin family no longer contacted the Everhearts and the Hunts, and it went on for a few decades. Both families are no longer on the same path, and there's no friendship between them, but your father and Old Mr. Hunt got along. Plus, your father left Ms. Renee in Old Mr. Hunt's care before passing away: I'm sure he made that choice because he trusted the Hunt family." Margaret had hated the Hunt family, but she sincerely felt that they were more reliable out of respect for Theodore. Hence, it was destined for Renee to marry Stefan. There was nothing to feel regret about.

"People can make wrong decisions sometimes. Maybe the Hunt family was quite pretentious!" Quinton always thought badly of the Hunt family. "If the Hunt family is so good, why is Stefan the way he is? He put Renee through so much. I felt it was better for them to reconcile with each other for the kids' sake, but... he didn't even consider the kids. He hooked up with another woman and abandoned his family. They should break up with each other. After all, Renee is still young, and she has so many men pursuing her. She can take her time and pick a man who won't hurt her. Isn't it better than trying to save a ruined romance?" He felt that it was better to start over than try to fix something that was already broken. "Didn't you say Justin and Renee made a perfect match? hope they can give it a try!" Quinton sounded eager.

"Yeah, they are, but the Baldwin family..." Margaret shook her head. "I'm still worried. I hope that they just fall in love but not get married." The Baldwin family was more complicated than the Hunt family. Margaret didn't want Renee to step into another dangerous abyss after just getting out of one.

"It's still too early to talk about them getting married!" Quinton chuckled helplessly. "I'll be happy if she can just date a guy and fall in love!"

Chapter 1940

Meanwhile, Renee and Justin had reached the back garden.

"I like your house's back garden. It's spacious, bright, and quiet. I can lay on the flowerbed and look at the stars. It's wonderful!" Justin held the wine bottle and got into the flowerbed, sitting on the ground cross-legged.

"The garden at your house isn't small either. I remember I nearly got lost there once." Renee sat beside Justin, feeling surprisingly relaxed as she enjoyed the night breeze.

"The garden at my house is too orderly. It's boring; I hate going there." Justin shifted awkwardly, scanning his surroundings. He was surprised at the blue forget-me-nots all over the ground. "This place used to be full of sunflowers. Why did you start planting these small flowers instead?" He picked one and sniffed it, then shook his head. "Sunflowers look better. They're golden and large, and look enthusiastic and generous. This small flower does look elegant, but it doesn't match your style!"

Renee caressed the forget-me-nots that swayed in the breeze, then said cryptically, "There's no point in being enthusiastic-it'll just end up in hurt. Flowers like these are better. They bloom and wither quietly, and it's easy to grow them. If you pick a bouquet and keep it at home, it can last for up to six months. It's cost-effective!"

"Cost-effective... Justin looked at the blue flower in his hand, and said with a cheeky smile, "Well, it suits me well. I'm cost-effective.

"Get over yourself!" Renee rolled her eyes and chuckled. "The rarest thing in this world is cost-effectiveness. I used to love chasing after perfection, but now I think that good and cheap things suit me more." Perfection wasn't an easy thing to find, and in the end, one often found that their idea of perfection wasn't that perfect at all, and they would end up disappointed. It was better to stop being stubborn and pick something flawed, which could be more suitable.

"Phoenix, are you..." Justin looked at Renee with wide eyes. "Are you confessing your feelings for me?"

Renee was stunned.

"I'm the good and cheap thing!" Although Justin was shy, he was eager to sell himself. "Look at me I'm charming, fit, and my family background is good too. Plus, I'm well-versed in programming and playing games. If we get together, we'll take over the world of hacking and esports, and they'll know how powerful our country is. Plus, I'm good at cooking, and can easily make you laugh. I'm an absolute must-have for home and travel!"

"Pfft!" Renee burst out laughing at Justin's passionate speech. "Justin, I thought you were being deep, but you're selling yourself like you're a product on clearance.

"Yeah, I'm promoting myself!" Justin tried to look more serious. "Well, I'm a highly cost-effective product, so why don't you buy it and give it a try? If you don't like it, you can return it. I promise there won't be a fine for the breach of contract!"

"Well... I must admit that you're an excellent promoter. Your functions are comprehensive, and you're even offering me a full refund. It's very convincing!" Renee turned to Justin and said jokingly.